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Primaries and the Nomination.

Several republican statesmen prominent in presidential speculation object to having their names used in the early state primaries. They may be influenced somewhat by the fact that not a great deal of interest is taken in primaries. As a rule, the vote is light. So that Mr. A., or B., or C., submitting his case in that way and receiving only a qualified indorsement here and there would not benefit gen-

In this matter the early bird will not be assured of the nomination. Nothing is likelier, indeed, than that when the national convention meets the issue will still be open. The nomination must represent the party's necessities up to the very day, as revealed not only in the congressional situation, but in the general situation.

The President thinks the opposition has but one issue-the tariff. The opposition, not minimizing the tariff, thinks it has half a dozen other is-The President thinks he is ready on the tariff. The opposition thinks it is ready all along the line.

But, with chaos existing abroad, and we liable at any time to be drawn into the turmoil, who may say what shape the campaign will take? All the issues now so clearly defined may undergo a change before June, and force a platform on the republicans and another on the democrats unconsidered now.

But, whatever the change as to issues, there would appear to be none possible as to the democratic candilate. If for any reason Woodrow Wilson is not the man, a situation will arise difficult in the extreme for both parties to deal with. The demoas badly.

Mr. Wilson may decline, and a bit if in the first week in June the republicans made their nomination to Underwood as the democratic can-

didate? The answer to that question is another question. What would be the tracks and the motor roadway. effect on the general political outlook else?

Santa Claus Frick.

Henry C. Frick has played Santa Claus to good effect. The other day a Pittsburgh bank failed, and among the depositors were 41,000 school children who had been induced to save their money as an encouragement to thrift. Their deposits amounted to \$167.136.68 when the bank's doors were closed. The failure, coming on the eve of Christmas, cast a deep gloom throughout Pittsburgh, but Mr. Frick has dispelled it by announcing that he proposes to make good every penny of the children's deposits, although there is not the least obligation on his part to do so. He held no interest whatever in the bankrupt institution, and his assumption of this obligation is an act of good citizenship which must have a most beneficent effect, not only in Pittsburgh. but elsewhere. The loss of their savings would have made the children chary about trusting their pennies and dollars to banks, and the saving habit which was the object of the Pittsburgh board of education in enfunds by the youngsters of the party's national convention. schools would have been probably checked. Mr. Frick has earned national thanks for his act of gener-

The country's agricultural development has been such that some sec- appropriated St. Louis and the repubtions of the country regard the proposition to bax gasoline as a direct thrust at the farmer.

Booms.

and the state will go to the republi-

for the former senator. New York takes Ohio's place. She is harboring four booms; and all at present are booming. Will one of campaign, and remember only that them develop so as to put the others out of business? There is a suggestation of the members of the members of the campaign, and remember only that But peace rests ever, more or less, Deep in the inner consciousness; a few, and that the members of the campaign and remember only that the peace rests ever, more or less, out of business? There is a suggestation of the campaign and remember only that the peace rests ever, more or less, out of business?

her sons.

been booming. New booms will be short work of business. Right at started. It may be that some man, home, he would be able to give the South American at this time unconsidered, may, im- proper "steer" about everything. proving an opportunity in Congress, ing him national prestige and a following to be reckoned with.

The situation-the uncertaintyhould prove advantageous to the republicans. It will force activity and greater will the necessity be apprestrongest, and then for getting behind him with might and main.

democratic situation. But one boom booms on that side the line. Another boom-any other-would be a sort of impertinence. The booming, it is true, may rise and fall in volume, as some circumstance seems to tell for or against Mr. Wilson; but the man in the White House has his nomination as good as won. All is over but the nominating speech. Who will be chosen to make that?

Lessons in Street Safety.

The plan to employ the Boy Scouts to instruct the public in the street crossing rules is an excellent one. These little fellows have always proved themselves efficient in such endeavors and are likely to bring to a large number of the people the realization of the need of greater care in street navigation. They are diligent and thorough in their work as a rule, and will not fail to make their points clear when they undertake to tell why it is unsafe to cross between street intersections and why it is necessary to remember the currents of traffic at all points.

Many of the street accidents are due to momentary negligence on the part of both pedestrians and vehicle drivers. The mishap usually occurs in a flash of inattention on one side or the other. Inasmuch, however, as the pedestrian is most endangered, being without protection in a collision, it is to his interest chiefly to be on the alert. If he will adhere to the corner crossing rule and always observe the fundamental law to "Stop, look and listen!" he will be measurably safe. If an accident then occurs it will be the fault of the vehicle manager. One of the commonest forms of

street carelessness is the practice of hurrying across the street to get ahead of a street car that is just starting on the opposite side. Pedescratic situation would be thrown out trians seldom remember that in such of plumb completely, while the re- circumstances the vehicular traffic, publican situation might fare almost blocked momentarily by the standing car, is getting in motion, under sharp A mild sort of rumor persists that headway to make the next corner if possible before the car stops again. of interesting speculation is built Consequently there is always the posupon it. What would be the effect sibility of a motor coming on at speed, overtaking the street car and reaching the crossing just about the meet the expected nomination of Mr. time the hastening pedestrian reaches Wilson the second week, and then the far side of the pavement. In such have to confront Mr. Clark or Mr. circumstances he must either jump for the curb or back to the car tracks, unless he keeps his head and stands still in the narrow space between the

There need be no danger at crossif the sky at that time should rain ings if the people will not be in such gold pieces in such quantities voters a great hurry. With everybody husbecame indifferent to everything tling the percentage of peril increases The great lesson to be learned is that a half minute lost in waiting for a free and safe passage is a good investment in security.

Europe's Christmas celebration was compelled temporarily to accept Peace on Earth and Good Will as a theory and not a condition.

Statements that Theodore Roosevelt will become a candidate might be modified to read that he still is one.

S. Claus has again demonstrated that he is about the healthiest myth in the aggregation.

A fine large navy for Uncle Sam may be among the Christmas gifts of the future.

References to "the octopus" as an influence in American affairs are now map." obsolete.

New York the Place.

The bull moose committee will meet in Chicago next month to name couraging the systematic deposit of the time and place for holding the Perkins insists that the party will nominate a national ticket, and asserts that the old parties will have a run for their money.

Well, why not hold the convention in New York? The democrats have licans Chicago, and New York ought not to be slighted. Give the little old town a show.

metropolis was so recognized. In 1868 get a present." There has been a revival in New Horatio Seymour was nominated York of the Whitman boom. For a there by the democrats, and badly time it seemed to languish. Mr. Root beaten. But he had no chance to win. had the call. Then Justice Hughes, He was not handicapped by having through western admirers, was forced received his commission in the great "I suppose so," replied Miss Cayinto notice. And Senator Wads- money center, but by other things. worth's name met with some favor. Only four years before the democ- that he doesn't exist. If he were per-Not a chirp for months about the racy had declared the war to be a sonally acquainted, there are people governor. Suddenly a change. The failure, and six months after the would hold him up by the hour to Whitmanites are again vocal, and election the war had been brought to find out what was going on in the pledges of support are being obtained, a triumphant conclusion. The party other houses."

No reason is given for the move- had not recovered from that blunder Then Gov. Seymour as the demo-For awhile four Ohio booms were cratic candidate confronted a nabooming. Now there is but one. The tional hero. Gen. Grant was easily boom outboomed the others, the most popular man in the country. Since Mr. Lincoln's death he had can national convention instructed had no rival. The republicans were Peace would be swiftly on the way

victory was complete. tion that the state should declare coterie are most at home in money To regulate a state of mind.

THE EVENING STAR, herself before convention time, and circles. George W. Perkins, who is go to Chicago solidly behind one of the business man of the concern, resides in New York, and would make So it will go probably until the an incomparable master of cereconvention meets. There will be rises monies. The delegates could see the and falls of booms that have long sights under his guidance, and make

> And then Oyster Bay would be in thrill the country with a speech, giv- hailing distance. If any point arose too knotty even for Mr. Perkins, Mr. Roosevelt could be called in while the delegates waited and straighten out the difficulty.

If there is to be a bull moose nacaution in all preliminaries. The tional convention, and it is to repre- South American cities for information sent a genuine sentiment for bull that will assist them in solving some ciated for examining into the merits moosery, New York is the town for it. of their pressing problems. of all aspirants, for choosing the Let the millionaires of Wall street look on the bull moosers, and let the bull moosers inspect Wall street, and more satisfactorily.

The Adams County Voters.

About two thousand citizens of Adams county, Ohio, who were diswhich disclosed a shocking condition | eiro, the capital bearing on public works and the county they were convicted. Some were sent to prison for short terms, others were fined and all who had been proved to have sold their votes were stricken from the rolls for

Will these citizens hereafter walk cal rectitude? Certainly if there is anything in the theory of corrective punishment they will do so. They have had a definite warning, and they should profit by it. They missed their votes at the presidential election in 1912, but that was not much of a loss, as far as the result was concerned, for in consequence of the republican split a few thousand votes more or less in any state scarcely mattered. Nevertheless they have been shamed and humiliated in the public eye, and if there is any manhood left in them they will henceforth guard their franchise as a precious possession, not to be regarded as an object of traffic and jealously protected in the future from jeopardy.

The release of the Adams count voters from the pillory of political impotence suggests that it would be well for every state to scrutinize the laws relating to the subject of disfranchisement and ascertain whether the penalties provided by statute are sufficient to insure lasting repentance and good behavior after the first of-

Solicitude about European opinion of America is gradually giving way to concern as to how America may feel about conditions as they arise.

write the loans is recognized as more important than the one who writes either the songs or the laws.

In Europe the man who can under-

Reports of his remarks indicate that Villa will never be a candidate for membership in the Association of Good Losers.

Science has done wonders in conquering the hookworm, but the grip germ remains aggressive and im-

Henry Ford is coming back home where such a thing as peace is pos-

A peace ship does very well if it

gets over and back without a mutiny. SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Formidable.

"It a lucky thing for some of us fellows," remarked Senator Sorghum, that this Santa Claus person is only a myth."

"What difference does it make?" "If he were a sure-enough live one scattering toys around year after year he'd build up a political pull that would make him boss of the entire

Usual Program.

We have our trials as of yore In spite of ample warning; Old Santy calls the night before And the doctor calls next morn-

ing-Some men are naturally so growchy they can make "Merry Christmas!" sound about as cheerful as "that's good!" in a poker game.

Taking No Chances.

"Did you play Santa Claus at the Christmas party?" "Sure," replied Mr. Cumrox; "I had a fine audience, too. I let it be understood at the outset that anybody It has been a long time since the who didn't laugh or applaud wouldn't

Obliged to Lie Low. "Is there really a Santa Claus?"

enne. "But he is obliged to pretend

asked the little girl.

Elusive Quantity.

Oh, peace were easy to acquire If rhetoric which we admire Could for its maintenance suffice With generous counsel and advice.

enthusiastically behind him, and his If when the bands begin to play victory was complete.

All men would hasten to turn out Let the bull moosers forget that And lift a glad harmonious shout.

WHAT THE GOVERNMENT IS DOING FIFTY YEARS AGO

While savants and leaders in scientific thought and activity from all of the countries of American ica are gathering in Washington for Municipalities. the Pan-American Scientific Congress, to exchange knowledge for the common good, the growledge for the survey of growledge for the common growledge for the survey. The streets are now confirmed city dwellers as they are, are actually perishing in not inconsiderable numbers rather than to take to the open country in search of food. The biological survey officials believe that with the continued increase in the use of automobile has developed from the observations of the survey. The streets are now confirmed city dwellers as they are, are actually perishing in not inconsiderable numbers rather than to take to the open country in search of food. The biological survey officials believe that with the continued increase in the use of automobile street actually perishing in not inconsiderable numbers rather than to take to the open country in search of food. The biological survey officials believe that with the continued increase in the use of automobile actually perishing in not inconsiderable numbers rather than to take to the open country in search of food. The biological survey officials believe that with the continued increase in the use of automobile actually streets are now the perishing in the continued in the co

edge for the common good, the growing co-operation and mutual dependence of these nations of the western semisphere are emphasized on the civic side by requests that have just come to the Department of Commerce from

The first of the requests came from the city of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and was for data as to the financial systems that are being employed successfully Quite different, of course, is the then the campaign will proceed the in cities of the United States. Though Sao Paulo was founded in 1554 it was of slow growth until near the end of the nineteenth century. Since then it has increased rapidly until it now has a larger population than Washington. D. C. This rapid growth has brought problems which its administrators befranchised in 1910 for fraud and venality have been automatically restored to the roll of voters through the lapse of their period of suspension. They were found guilty in 1910 of selling their votes, and after a trial which disclosed a shocking condition of corruption among the residents of provements, construction laws, admin-

the strait and narrow path of politi- is informed through its agents, to look

the earth. This has been brought out by the geological survey in a recently completed study of an area in the bay near the mouth of the Choptank river.

Geologists have long taught how continents are worn down and other land masses built up by water in all of its activities from the time it falls as raindrops until it sweeps as silt-laden rivers to the sea or is whipped by winds against the shores. But these changes, to be readily recognized, must have taken place over long periods of time. There has been little quantitative study, especially in America, of land actually in the making and the unmaking, so that the recent intensive survey by the government's geologists is practically the first of the kind to be maphing and the unmaking. The opportunity to make a study of erosion and sedimentation in Chesapeake bay was exceptionally good because this territory was among the first to become known and to be maphing of the war and will act the grand will act the grand will act the grand will act the first to become known and to be maphing of the war and will act the grand will act the grand will act the grand will act the first to become known and to be maphing of the war and will act. by the geological survey in a recently completed study of an area in the bay a gram to less than \$37,000 a g

peake bay was exceptionally good because this territory was among the first to become known and to be mapped in the new world. The first adequate sketch of the mouth of the Choptank river was made as far back as 1670, and showed the general geographic features in a recognizable form. Other charts were made in the eighteenth century, and in 1848 the United States coast survey made the first accurate map of modern type. In 1900 the coast survey again carefirst accurate map of modern type. In 1900 the coast survey again carefully mapped the area on the same scale as that employed half a century earlier, and it was by a comparison of the differences brought out in these maps that the geologists secured the basic data for their study, which involved still further mapping.

Sharps Island, one of the islands in the bay at the mouth of the Choptank, which contained 43% acres in 1848, had dwindled to 91 acres in 1900, and now contains less than 50 acres. It was a flourishing summer resort a generation flourishing summer resort a generation ago, but has now been abandoned. The geological survey estimates that it will disappear between 1940 and 1955. The fans are enthusiastically in favor of arrangements to stop the argument and play ball.

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The fans are enthusiastically in 1848, now have less than 480 and 1,685 acres. The one, it is estimated, will disappear in 150 and the other in something more than 500

years.
Most of the wearing away in the area

worn but slowly.

The soundings made over the watercovered areas at the period when the
coast survey maps were drawn disclosed the fact that the building-up
process has been going on in the same
region. Over large areas of the bay
as much as six feet of sediment has
been laid down, while what was marsh
a few generations ago has fin places become firm ground. The geologists who
carried on the survey of land-building
and land-destruction in the small area
believe that the results secured are
interesting enough to warrant a similar study of the whole Chesapeake bay
region.

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How living things adapt themselves to
many varying conditions so as to make
the most of
the most of
Wide Spread of the

The birds, brought to the Atlantic coast of this country several generations ago, spread rapidly all over the land, but stuck tenaciously to the cities. The spreading flocks did not stop at international boundaries, but have been traced by the survey observers both into Canada and Mexico. The cold of the former country has brought about almost a complete d change of habits. The emigrants to Canada have become more thrifty, build much warmer nests than their cousins youth of the international line, and have even taken to building in hollow trees, a practice not common among the sparrows either in central and southern states or in England. The sparrows that have gone into Mexico, on the other hand, have gone into Mexico, on the other hand have gone into Mexico, on the other hand, have gone into Mexico, on the other hand has found the people hungry for the knowledge.

The school is the time of the scho logical survey.

The birds, brought to the Atlantic coast

Stock taking by advocates, in and out of Congress, of a bill considered last year that would Delay in Radium have withdrawn

Conservation. ment the radiumfrom the govern bearing carnotite beds of Colorado and Utah, has developed the fear that be ause of the delay in taking action one of the greatest humanitarian plans ever conceived for this government has While Congress was in recess with the question of withdrawing the world's ichest known radium source from pri vate entry, the very happening which it was sought to prevent came about, and all of the claims known to contain the valuable ore have passed without restriction into private hands.

domestic commerce, was gathering data for the important Brazilian state capital, a request came from Rio de Janeiro, the capital of the nation, for material bearing on public works and improvements, construction laws, administrative methods and reform movements in the larger municipalities of this country. In order to comply with the request of the Brazilian metropolis as quickly as possible the Department of Commerce has sent out a call to cities of the United States to send their publications to be forwarded to South America.

There is a pronounced tendency in Brazil, the Department of Commerce is informed through its agents, to look to the United States for ideas in common with the great southern republic than any other country.

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Islands once consisting of extensive fields and woodland and sustaining an important pop
Vanishing Islands in ulation, but which are pow mere fragments of abandoned land rapidly melting away before river currents and waves, exist in Chesapeake bay as striking examples of the forces that are constantly remolding the face of the earth. This has been brought out by the geological survey in a recently substance from the great of the survey and the annual deaths from the monopoly in radium free treatment of cancer through and the use of the rare element for the free treatment of cancer through and the use of the rare element for the treatment of cancer through and the use of the rare element for the free treatment of cancer through and the use of the rare element for the treatment of cancer through and the use of the rare element for the treatment of cancer through and the use of the rare element for the treatment of cancer through and the use of the rare element for the treatment of cancer through and the use of the varieties and army hospitals. The radium supplies that the was to be extracted from its ores it wenty-one hospitals of the United States public health service and in the naval and army hospitals. The radium supplies through experts in the bureau of the survey of the su

radium from carnotite, who have succeeded in cutting the cost of this rare and expensive substance from \$120,000

the specialists who have the land amounts of radium and who have had the most experience in its use are entire most experience in the most experience in the most experience in the most experience in the land th

Through the bureau of education the government has just assumed complete direct control of Metlakahtla what has been perhaps

Indians. community in the new world—the reservation of Metlakahtla on a group of small islands in south-Most of the wearing away in the area under investigation has been from waves on the bay side, and has been on the higher land, which presented bluffs of ten feet or more to the encroaching water. The low-lying, marshy land, protected by the myriads of roots that grow through it, has been worn but slowly.

The soundings made over the water-covered areas at the period when the

wide Spread of the their surroundings, and then become the victims of other changes that do not at first sight seem to concern them at all, is strikingly shown by the story of the English sparrow in America, as disclosed by observations of the United States bloological survey.

The birds, brought to the Atlantic coast

VILLA'S RETREAT FROM MEXICO.

From the Lewiston Evening Journal. There is one thing to fear in this give-over of Villa. He may be persuaded to pose for the film or compete on the chautauqua circuit.

From the Lewiston Evening Journal.

Villa is leaving Mexico and if his reception in the United States doesn't please him he says that he will go to Europe. Hasn't Europe trouble From the Richmond Times-Dispatch Europe. H enough now?

rom the Birmingham Ledger. There is at least one phase of Gen.
Villa's downfall in which he may not be put down as a lose-out and that is that he has found his plot, pillage and plunder policy prodigiously profitable, to alliterate a bit.

From the Omaha Bee.

"Pancho" Villa sowed the wind, but he isn't at all keen about reaping the whirlwind.
From the Cumberland Times.

rom the St. Joseph News-Press. Now Villa wants to negotiate a peace-ful residence in the United States. But Villa is one of the things we will be better off without. From the Boston Herald.

But Villa does not say that it is because he is too proud to fight.

From the Buffalo Commercial. According to one of Villa's wives, he has declared he would die sooner than come to the United States. Maybe he will.

IN THE STAR

Soon after the close of the civil was heavy movement of emigrants westward began, and as consequence troubles with Outrages. perienced. In The Star of December 19, 1865, is the following ac-

"Mr. James Luttrell, formerly of this

city, but lately a citizen of Colorado has arrived here from that territory ity with which the Cheyennes exercise and are not re-eligible to the same till their hate upon any stray squads of emigrants who disregard the government regulations requiring them to keep together in moving from post to post. Near Alkali station, on the borders of Nebraska territory, they buried den changes, maintaining the same till was given that nothing should be reaxported to the central empires. Switzeriand asked in vain that she should be outgoing president, and this wise programment of the faculty of re-exportation on the ground of compensation. The representation of the same till was given that nothing should be relaxed to the central empires. Switzeriand asked in vain that she should be relaxed to the central empires. Switzeriand asked in vain that she should be relaxed to the central empires. Switzeriand asked in vain that she should be relaxed to the central empires. Switzeriand asked in vain that she should be relaxed to the central empires. Switzeriand asked in vain that she should be relaxed to the central empires. Switzeriand asked in vain that she should be relaxed a post. Near Alkall station, on the borders of Nebraska territory, they buried the bodies of four men murdered by the Indians. The victims were in this case of a party of seven who imprudently separated their wagons from the main train and were assailed by the Indians lying in wait. Four of them serious profit as a model, it might study with serious profit as a model, it might study with serious profit as a model the elective system. killed, while the other three made their

fire and burned by the savages, in revenee apparently for his having shot one of their number.

"The Indians seem to be animated by pure deviltry in these attacks, as they do not undertake to carry off plunder to any extent, but simply murder the whites, burn their wagons and hamstring their cattle. A week before this occurrence a bloody fight came off between a party of Cheyennes and a detached train, in which twelve or fifteen were killed on each side and the Indians were finally beaten off.

"The immense amount of emigration across the plains may be estimated by the fact that Mr. Luttrell and party met no less than 3,000 loaded teams between Fort Kearney and Denver, a distance of 400 miles. The work on the Pacific railroad is in rapid progress, and its completion is looked forward to with intense interest by the people of the territories, who are now obliged to wagon their supplies under such immense disadvantages. The fact of these continued Indian depredations has proved a serious drawback upon agricultural pursuits, as the people for security are compelled to cluster in communities, and are not, therefore, able to raise their own bread."

communities, and are not, therefore

The day after the explosion at the arsenal, which killed ten men and injured others. Investigation of an inquest was Arsenal Explosion. held to deterand place the responsibility. The Star of that day, December 19, 1865, thus concludes its report of the investiga-

ceeded to find a verdict in each of the cases: That the said deceased (naming in the arsenal unloading fixed amthe teamster), was accidentally killed fifteen minutes of 2 o'clock p.m. on the 18th instant, and that the jury are of the opinion that this accident was caused by the bad packing of the am-munition, it having been shown by the munition, it having been shown by the evidence that friction fuses have frequently been found loose in the boxes. It further appears that this ammunition has been received at the arsenal from various sources, and that no blame is attached to the officers of the arsenal, it appearing to the astisfaction of the jury that stringent regulations for the government of the laboratory have always been fully and faithfully carried out, and the deceased was fully carried out, and the deceased was a poor man and had no means. And

Local Referendum to negroes in on Negro Suffrage. and aroused

great agitation in the local community the capital the matter was informally referred to a public vote, which was cast December 21, 1865, with an over-whelming defeat of the suffrage proposition—indeed, an almost unanimous declaration against negro enfranchisement in the District. In The Star of December 22, 1865, is the following news account of the balloting:

"The majority cast against negro suf-"The majority cast against negro suf-frage yesterday was 6,567 out of a total vote cast of 6,637. This vote is nearly double that cast in June last, when 3,664 votes were polled; is 398 more than were polled at the last mayoralty election, but is not as large as that cast in '58 and '60, at the time of the exciting contests between Measurs Rer-

election, but is not as large as that cast in '58 and '60, at the time of the exciting contests between Messrs. Berret and Wallach, in '58 the total vote being 6,805 and in '60 6,991.

"At the second precinct polls, seventh ward, two of the four votes for suffrage were by mistake, and one of the voters, after unavailingly insisting on his vote being taken out of the box, entered his solemn protest against it being counted. In the same precinct a negro made his appearance with three tickets and offered to vote, when he was challenged. One individual offered a ticket in the seventh ward for 'negro suffrage in Africa,' but, being told that it would not count on the side he wished, he declined to deposit it and voted anti."

Notwithstanding this virtually unanimous rejection of negro suffrage by the voters of the District, Congress passed a law extending the suffrage here to colored citizens, which President Johnson vetoed. The bill was then, on the same day as the veto, passed over the President's disapproval by both houses and became a law.

PROOF OF IT.

At this gay season of the year The fakers on the streets appear With wondrous things for sale Monatrosities of weird device The merry-making throngs entice To yield their hard-earned kale.

A painted monkey on a stick That baby dear will like—and lick— Grins at you from the pave. And tango-dancers, worked by springs, Skip while each to the other clings As though their lives to save.

Balloons which make a raucous noise That much delights all healthy boys Are heard on every side; Balloons that simply float on air. Like any well-infated sphere. Just float and dip and glide. The cunning little mouse that squeaks.
The duck that squawks, the cart that creaks,
The turtle tightly strung.
Combine to make us all confess
This is the time for carelessness—
We let ourselves be stung.
—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

FROM MY LIBRARY.

Tis strange to think that, as I calmly write, A soul "somewhere in France" is taking flight To tell the Great Commander of the fight. If Villa quits Mexico for good he may find some difficulty in this country making a living following his old calling, which was that of a bandit. And as I thumb again this well worn tome, "Somewhere in France" they stamp the clodde loam To cover one a well almed thrust sent home.

> France." this night, they bury -New York Times.

THE NEUTRALITY OF SWITZERLAND

President

tion of Camille de Coppet president of the vice president and minister of justice, and accedes to the presidency accord-

the vice president of the federal council

cluded three new cantons, was accepted by the congress of Vienna. The pact re-mained in force till 1848, when a new constitution, prepared without foreign in-terference, was accepted by general con-sent. This in turn was superseded May 29, 1874, by the constitution now in force.

M. Motts, the retiring President of Switzerland, in a speech at Bern No vember 15, proclaimed A Benevolent the firm will of all, Neutrality. that "the policy of Switzerland consisted

but at the same time a strong army

against all." And President Motta added: "A sole Swiss nation exists, a nation "A sole Swiss nation exists, a nation full of uniformity and inspired by sympathy for the maternal civilisation on which it is nourished, but free politically and economically, autonomous litically and economically, autonomically,

The field.

The dispatch adds: "The Swiss treasury estimates that if the war should continue until it has been in progress for two years the expenses of maintaining the Swiss army will be from \$70,000,000 to \$80,000,000 Switzerland thus must find \$8,000,000 switzerland thus must find \$8,000,000 annually in the swiss army will be from \$70,000,000 to \$80,000,000 annually in the swiss army will be from \$70,000,000 to \$80,000,000 annually in the swiss army will be from \$100,000 annually in the switzerland thus must find \$8,000,000 annually in the switzerland the switzerla

It was suggested that recourse musbe had to a monopoly on tobacco, a tax on beer and a re-Expedients vision of the law rela-

accepted by the chambers or the people it would be necessary to adopt as Switzerland possesses two groups

people of the races now engaged in deadly conflict—the German-Swiss and deady connect—the German-Swiss and the Latin-Swiss, and it is not always easy for the Swiss authorities to main-tain its wishes in the matter of strict neutrality. Germanophilism dominates in northern, eastern and central Switzerland.

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celebration of the sixth centenary of Helvetian independence, and the elecde Coppet president of the Swiss republic and Edmund Schulthess an agency in Holland, and which of the whole was satisfactory. Switzer land desired to be furnished with first

we refuse that our soil, our agriculture, our industry, our railways, shall serve in any way to provision our enemies. This flat closed negotiations during the control of Berry and the control of the c in amodel of simplicity and economy, and inasmuch as the republic of the United States of America may adopt Switzerland's military system—its national military system—its national militar—as a model, it might study with serious profit as a model the elective system.

In 1803 Napoleon, in the act of mediation, gave a new constitution, and increased the number of cantons to nine-teen. In 1815 the perpetual neutrality of Switzerland and the inviolability of her territory were guaranteed by Austria, Great Britain, Portugal, Prussia and Russia, and the federal pact which had been drawn up at Zurich, and which included three new cantons, was accepted by the congress of Vienna. The pact remained in force till 1848, when a new constitution, prepared without foreign interference, was accepted without foreign interference, was accepted without foreign interference, was accepted.

> The utility of this arrangement was chandise which flowed War's Effect in from all sides, show-

pensations, exchange and re-exporta-

On Imports, commerce. Since the commencement of the war the customs n a benevolent neutrality toward all, From the 1st of January, 1915, to the 31st of July, they had decreased infrom an alimentary point of view there

litically and economically, autonomous and founded less upon the fecund and salutary variety of races and languages than upon the fundamental unity of the democratic will."

Switzerland, besides, depends for the defember of her neutrality upon a national militia whose service is compulsory and universal, the exemption to which only is physical disability. Those excused for disability pay certain taxes in lieu. Liability to service pulsory and universal, the exemption to which only is physical disability. Those excused for disability pay certain taxes in lieu. Liability to service extends from the seventeenth to the forty-eighth year; actual service commences at twenty. The first twelve years is spent in the first line, the "elite," the next eight years in the "landsturm." There is an all other males between twenty and unnarmed "landsturm." There is an all other males between twenty and available as non-combatants and duties not requiring great physical capacity. The total combatants for the field mobilize 200,000 aside from the landsturm of 60,000.

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So much to explain why the federal authorities are actually considering for Funds. It this program was not To Protect hotel industry without loss to their creditors. The how they may save the Hotels. authorities. comprehend that the failure of a hotel in Switzera last resort the establishment of a series of fiscal laws on sugar, coffee, wine, petroleum and other objects of wine, petroleum and other objects of current consumption. The federal council, however will not proceed to this expedient unless all other remedies to Switzerland. Among the many lifetaxing plans suggested has been an exact of chief through appeal to banks to obtain through them necessary credits and perhaps a sort of monopoly—interdicting further

constructions for a period of ten years This plan has its opponents, notable in the architect and the building centers. Furthermore it has been suggested ! create a financial establishment, with authority and means with the aid of the councillor of the confederation, to "search for remedies to meet the hote!

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The French press for some time accused the Swiss government of a violation of her economical neutrality by furnishing the Austro-German armies with provisions. The error, according to a Swiss writer, appeared to be that up to the time of Italy's participation in the war, it was ltaly which sent an enormous quantity of merchandise to Germany, for which she received in exchange a great quantity of coal. New, merchandise and coal passed through Switzerland, but the latter, it was claimed, could not suppress this treaffe because of existing commercial treaties.

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THE COLONEL AND THE GARY DINNER.

The Gary dinner appears to have been anything that anybody wants to think it was.

From the Utica Observer. Wender if there was any talk at the Roosevelt-Gary dinner about "soap" and "fat" to be used in the next cam-

From the New York World. Should the colonel prove unavailable the Gary dinner statesmen ought to consider the eminent qualifications of Herr Hearst. He hates Wilson.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. Mr. Gary does not need to invite Burchards to his dinners. The dinners are enough.

Is the Commander of the Army of the Lord, lately at Armageddon, negotiat-ing a surrender to the enemy? From the Jacksonville Times-Union. Wonder if Teddy will take another cup of coffee next year.

From the Philadelphia Record

From the Pittsburgh Dispatch. The dinner guests should be wary and remember that after Harriman had contributed to the cause of Armageddon of his day he was denounced as an undesirable.

From the Brooklyn Eagle. Nothing is known as to how many cups of coffee the colonel took at the Gary dinner. If he took three were they consecutive?